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Newsletter of the Peoria County Bar Association, an Accredited Provider of Continuing Legal Education.

Message from the President

And the days dwindle down to a precious few. It has been my experience that when you are elected to a one-year term that it is really about a 10-month term. All of the major events are behind us and, except for Law Day and the Memorial gathering, the transition to the next year has begun. I want to take this opportunity to thank our outstanding staff, Linda and Stephanie, for the amazing work that they do for the Association -- day in and day out. The Peoria County Bar Association is the envy of bar associations throughout the State of Illinois, including the ISBA, because of our schedule of events, CLEs, and member benefits. None of this would be possible without the tireless work of Linda and Stephanie. Their attention to detail, ability to work with all of the committees and membership, including the Presidents, and their conduct as the public face of the Association have brought us to the highest level of lawyer-member social organizations in Illinois. HERE'S TO LINDA AND STEPHANIE -- THE BEST OF THE BEST.



Please attend the Memorial Service on May 23, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Peoria County Courthouse. We will honor three of our brethren who left us all too soon. A reception will follow at Heyl Royster.

Court News *By Chief Judge Paul P. Gilfillan*



1. Judge Kim L. Kelley has announced his intent to retire from the bench, effective October 2, 2019. More information about this future associate judge opening will be posted on the Tenth Circuit's website - 10thcircuitcourtil.org – under “NEWS” when it becomes available. Judge Kelley has served with distinction and the TENTH is fortunate to have him for 5 more months.

2. Effective May 1, 2019, 10th Circuit Local Rule 42 “Financial affidavits and affidavits of amount due” has been amended to require an addendum to the financial affidavit in cases involving property, debt distribution or spousal maintenance. For the Administrative Order 2019-03, the actual amendment to the rule and the recommended addendum, please see the Tenth Circuit's website – 10thcircuitcourtil.org – under “NEWS”.

3. Draft forms for *Applications/Orders to Waive Court Fees in Civil and Criminal cases* are now available for review and comment on the illinoiscourts.gov website, under ‘Access to Justice.’

At-Large Directors

Interested in being involved with the bar at Board level? Consider nomination to an At-Large seat on the Board. The petition can be found [here](#). Please return these to Linda at pcba@mtco.com by June 1.

Annual Meeting and New Members' Reception Combine to Mix Business with Pleasure

On **Monday, July 8**, we will meet after work to vote on a new slate of officers for the 2019-20 fiscal year. It will be a brief meeting in order to allow more time to welcome our newest members this year and enjoy a bit of social time. Further details are forthcoming, so save the date now and watch your inbox to learn more.

Schedule of Events & Court Holidays

MAY

- 2 Law Day Luncheon – Spalding Pastoral Center, noon – 1:00 p.m., lunch buffet opens at 11:30 a.m.
- 10 Professional Responsibility Seminar – Spalding Pastoral Center, noon – 2:00 p.m., lunch buffet opens at 11:30 a.m.
- 23 Memorial Service – Peoria County Courthouse, CR 210, 3:00 p.m.; reception to follow at Heyl Royster Learning Center
- 27 Memorial Day – Courts & Courthouse Closed

JUNE

- 6 New Members' Luncheon – Jim's Steak House, 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – invitation only

Committee Meetings *Meetings are at noon at the PCBA office unless otherwise noted.*

MAY

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Committee Reports

By-Laws

Please watch your inbox for information on the By-Laws changes Committee Chair Norman McGill plans to propose. Anyone who knows Norm knows that he makes everything entertaining – and yes, even by-laws! A vote of the membership will be taken at the Annual Meeting on July 8, 2019, in the evening. Details forthcoming.

Communications & Technology

The time has come to begin working on the 2019-2020 Attorneys' Directory. Please take a look at your listing in the current directory and email any changes to Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com before July 1.

Entertainment – Annual Golf Outing

Save the date! Golf chair Shaun Cusack has announced that the Annual Golf Outing will be **Friday, August 9**, at **WeaverRidge Golf Club**. *Rain date is Friday, August 23*. Mark both dates on your calendars now!



Fitness Health & Wellness: by J.D. VanRheeden

Spring is here! (Maybe? Did we just get three inches of snow in April?!). This means that many of us are ready to get back to an exercise program that involves the outdoors. However, if winter got the best of you, make sure to ease back into things at a reasonable pace. Injuries are never fun, and we wouldn't want anyone missing this year's Strides for Justice race because of a nagging Spring time injury! See the attached article for more on this issue. <https://www.webmd.com/fitness-exercise/features/spring-back-exercise-program#1>

Local Continuing Legal Education

2019 Winter Series

Civil Practice, Estate Planning, Probate & Elder Law, Employment Law, Family Law and The New Private Investigator in Town: GOOGLE, are all available on DVD and VIMEO. Contact Stephanie at pcbaasst@mtco.com for more information.

Brown Bag Series

Did you know that our **FREE** Brown Bag seminars are uploaded to Vimeo and available to our members? To make it easier for you to get these MCLE credit hours, we have created a page on our website (located under the CLE tab) listing all the seminar links so you can watch them when it's convenient for you! Just fill out the attorney affidavit (located on the website page) and send it back to the PCBA to get your certificate. Since these seminars are for members only, this page of the website can only be accessed by entering your username and password. If you need help finding or resetting your username and/or password, let Stephanie know at pcbaasst@mtco.com.

May Professional Responsibility Seminar

May 10 at the Spalding Pastoral Center from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Interventionist Phil Scherer will speak on substance abuse and PCBA members William Loeffel and Yolanda Riley will speak on diversity and inclusion. Click [here](#) to register now and get those special credits!

Memorial Service



The Annual Memorial Service will be Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. in Courtroom 210 of the Peoria County Courthouse. A reception will immediately follow at the Heyl Royster Learning Center. Chief Judge Paul Gilfillan will preside and Memorial Chair David Mueller is coordinating the presenters. This annual event is yet another unique long-standing initiative of the PCBA, for the purpose of remembering and honoring our members. The Memorial Resolutions are filed in the Circuit Clerk's office and become a part of the public record for all time. Several years ago, the Foundation felt it was important to

have time set aside after the formal courtroom presentations, for members to reminisce with heartwarming memories of their colleagues being remembered. Dan Cusack will give the memorial resolution for Dan O'Day, Rick Gentry will give his resolution for Lou Behrends and David Mueller the resolution for Judge Covey. We hope you will mark your calendar for May 23.

Young Lawyers Committee



A big thank you to the following people who volunteered to speak at local schools regarding Law Day. We appreciate you taking the time to do this!

Melissa Schoenbein & Kevin Sheahan at Farmington High School; **Anne Mergen & Brad Barber** at Glen Oak Community Learning Center; **Brad Barber** at Holy Family Parish School; **Kevin Day & David Wiest** at

Illini Bluffs High School; **Paige Blumenshine & Myraida Melendez** at St. Marks Catholic Grade School; **Eileen Prescott & Carol Perkins** at PAT Academy; **Logan Block & Julie Hagen** at Peoria High School; **Jennifer Bonesteel & Chris Crawford** at Whittier Primary School and **David Collins** at Wilder-Waite School and Ridgeview Elementary.



Congratulations on a *fantastic* Law Day Luncheon by the subcommittee! Shown above are Beverly Jones (school speaking events) Kyle Tompkins (lunch speaker coordinator), Dean Vikram David Amar (speaker), Kevin Day (Chair) and Julie Hagen (essay contest coordinator). Over 157 attorneys, judges and guests attended the event.

A HUGE thank you to **Stephanie Bitner** for herculean efforts in coordinating the entire event this year. You're the BEST! *Linda*

PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES by Myraida Melendez

Prairie State Legal Services would like to thank the following attorneys who have provided free legal assistance to low income persons through our Pro Bono Program and recently closed their pro bono cases: Andrew Cassidy of Cassidy & Mueller; John Cassidy of Cassidy & Mueller; Tyler Eathington of Quinn, Johnston, Henderson, Pretorius & Cerulo; Joseph Gilfillan of Cusack Gilfillan & O'Day LLC; Mitch Gilfillan of Quinn, Johnston, Henderson, Pretorius & Cerulo; Timothy Kirk of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen; John R. Pusey, and William Wombacher of the Law Office of William Wombacher.

MARCH SEALING AND EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC

We would like to give a very special thank you to Yolanda Riley of Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick; John Lamb of Caterpillar; Natalie Vaughn volunteer attorney with Prairie State Legal Services; and Elizabeth Jensen for providing our clients with free legal advice at our most recent sealing and expungement clinic. As a result of the legal advice provided through this clinic, we were able to help a woman clear her record of charges dating back to 1999. She is now able to apply to the nursing program that she has always hoped to participate in. Thank you to all who made this possible!



Other News

LAP News

To read the latest LAP press release on Illinois law schools and mental health & wellbeing, click [here](#).

Will Searches

If you know the whereabouts of the last will of Lynette E. Maier, f/k/a Lynette E. Cousineau, DOB: 2/8/1959 DOD: 3/9/2019, please contact Anne Bartolo (abartolo@hrbklaw.com, 309-688-9400) or Erika Teverbaugh (eteverbaugh@hrbklaw.com, 309-688-9400).

If you know the whereabouts of the last will of Marla J. Scholl, DOB: 7/28/1945 DOD: 3/26/2019, please contact the Office of Moehle, Swearingen & Lobacz, Ltd. at 309-347-4141.

Anyone having knowledge of the Last Will & Testament of Merry M. Young, DOD: 4-23-19 in Peoria, please contact James F. Kane at jkane@peorialawyers.com or (309) 691-9650.

Job Openings | Office Space Available | Misc.

Job openings and office space available can be found on the homepage of our website or by clicking the following links:

[Job Openings](#) and [Office Space](#) (office space section includes property for sale)

For sale: Vintage Stow & Davis solid mahogany executive desk with credenza. \$2500 for both. Desk 72w x 29h x 36d. Credenza 72w x 29h x 24d. Very good condition. Pulls are polished aluminum. Glass tops available. Desk has three very deep file drawers and three smaller drawers. Credenza has two very large file drawers and a two-door cabinet. Contact Theresa Hardesty at 309-253-1087 or trhadopt@comcast.net.

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PEORIA COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

Did you know that the PCBA has a charitable arm – the PCBA Foundation? It is a 501(c)(3) entity and contributions may be tax deductible. Many new members, as well as some long-time members, may be unaware of that fact. Distributions from the Foundation benefit such things as the Gerald M. Brookhart Arts in Education program that we all enjoy in the Spring at the Courthouse plaza. The Lela Post Scholarship at Illinois Central College is also a benefactor. The Diversity Scholarship may have the most significant impact on young lives, having distributed over \$76,000.

At the Annual Meeting in 2020, the next Pillars of the Bar event will be held, which is a fundraiser for the Foundation and honors outstanding members of the PCBA. More information on this stellar event is forthcoming.

The Foundation Board consists of the PCBA officers, the Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit, and three at-large trustees (listed below). The Foundation receives contributions from members who pledge to contribute at varying levels. You may also contribute on a one-time basis. The pledge form can also be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

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